



Family Court News

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Share your Success Stories

Do you have some programming that is new and innovative, or maybe the tried and true that just really works, or have you had success in finding alternative sources of funding your family court programming? We can all learn from sharing each other's successes. If you have a story to share, please e-mail me at loleksy@courts.state.in.us. I would love to have at least one success story for every monthly newsletter, and maybe even take one month just to focus on our collective successes!

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Family Court Annual Meeting October 26, 2007

Mark your calendars now for the Family Court Annual Meeting, to be held Friday, October 26, 2007, at the Barnes & Thornburg auditorium, 11 South Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN. We are revamping the format of the meeting this year to provide more "nuts and bolts" information to help you with the administration of your family courts. Topics will include administrative issues such as program evaluation, grant writing, and identifying funding sources, as well as programmatic issues such as identifying and working with families with a history of domestic violence. I am still working on the agenda, so if there are other topics you would like to see included, please let me know as soon as possible and I will see if I can fit them in. Since we have already identified several areas of interest for administrators/program people, I am especially interested to hear if there are any topics that our judges would find particularly helpful.

Phase IV Program Assessments and Project Manuals Due December 1

It's time to start thinking about program assessments for Phase IV of the Family Court Project. Every two years, we ask our family courts to complete a narrative assessment of the last two years of their projects and to provide us with copies of their project manuals. I am making final revisions to the format, and should have it available for you soon so that you have ample time to complete it. In addition to using the information for future planning purposes, this year I will be incorporating some of the information from your assessments into an article I am working on with Judge Francie Hill, which will be published in a special report in June 2008 as a follow-up to this spring's ABA Summit on Unified Family Courts. The article will build on Judge Hill's presentation at the Summit, which was entitled, "Vision and Evaluation: A Judicial Perspective on the Indiana Family Court Project."